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Childs and the marble cutters? Why not designate the words of that classic burlesque, "Rock-a-bye, Baby, in the Tree Top," which has charmed away the goblins, so many years, from the Land of Counterpane?

The truly inspired among the Children of Song should not be classed with the tellers of twice told tales who sit by the chimney corner and vex the drowsy ear of night.

ICE CARNIVAL STIRS ENTHUSIASM.

The unique idea of an ice carnival has made a strong appeal to the people of the District, and the suggestion has been adopted with a promptness and completeness which shows what Washington can do when she sets about it.

Thousands of skaters have been enjoying the exhilarating pleasure of skimming over the ice of the Tidal Basin, and Superintendent Paxton on yesterday sent down snowflakes, which, in a short time, doubled the skating area.

As soon as it became generally known that a carnival suggestion had been made, lovers of outdoor sports rallied to the movement with the result that the occasion will be one of the most brilliant as well as one of the most unusual in the history of Washington. Music will be provided and searchlights, together with Japanese lanterns, will transform the scenes into fairyland.

In addition the participants are requested to emphasize the carnival spirit by adopting fancy costumes. The marmot and sealskin will be varied by the distinctive touches of Pierrot and Columbine, of the Ice Maiden and the Storm King, and all Washington, apparently, will assemble to enjoy the festival.

Voluntary contributions to meet the incidental expenses are coming in rapidly to Dr. E. C. Meyers, of the Treasury Department, who is the chairman of the committee on arrangements. He can still use more funds.

It was but a little time ago that we were enjoying one of the largest chrysanthemum shows in the country, and now, at the other extreme, is the ice carnival. Washington knows how to make a success of both. Montreal and St. Paul are invited to note what a real ice carnival is like.

WHY OUR TROOPS ARE GOING TO CHINA

Eleven years ago United States troops were rushed to China as part of an international army to force a way from the sea to Peking and rescue the legations imprisoned there. The powers resolved that no such occasion should ever again arise. China was obligated thenceforth to keep the line open, and to the powers was given the right to police it with their own troops whenever they deemed the situation to be threatening.

Conditions in China today present no actual cause for alarm for the Europeans in Peking. The present scene of hostilities lies far to the south of the Peking-Tientsin railroad. Nevertheless, it may move northward; and, more likely still, the wave of unrest which extends over the whole country may result in local outbreaks in the north itself. In sending 1,500 men over from Manila this Government is only taking time by the forelock. They are going to do police duty under the terms of our treaty with China. The step is one neither of invasion nor intervention. It is well taken. The harrowing incidents of the siege of the legations in 1900 must not be duplicated; and while China has advanced since those days she is still China.

The fact that a republic has been established in the south does not mean that popular passion may not again turn upon Europeans. Where there are such masses of the ignorant, the best we can hope for is that fanaticism will continue dormant. Actual or potential, it is there; and one cannot tell what form it might take.

Without anticipating serious trouble it is well to be prepared for it, and the actual presence of American troops on the field will unquestionably act as a deterrent to rioting. It is to the interest not only of the Europeans in Peking but of China itself to keep them there until all prospects of danger have passed.

It is proverbial among those closely interested in social clubs that there is no truer evidence of interest in the welfare of an organization than bitter contests at election time. The Army and Navy Club had plenty of excitement yesterday when Rear Admiral Newton Mason, heading a conservative ticket, was chosen president, with Commissioner Johnston, vice president. By the 1st of August the club expects to be housed in the new building on Farragut Square, which will be a great addition to the attractive locality.

The New York World's dinner to "Marse" Henry Watterson, haruspex maximus, who hasn't missed a forecast since '49, will be the rallying point for scores of lovers of good provender and Jeffersonian democracy. It would be worth going miles to hear the Kentucky editor merely ask the blessing on the bounties spread before him and behind him.

Washington's Birthday will be celebrated on February 22. It would not be a bad plan to make the occasion something more than a perfunctory one by letting Congress, especially the House, know something about the first President's ideals and purposes for the Capital City.

The sapient English sparrow already recognizes the mounted policemen who feed him. A few more philanthropists to scatter here and there some "grains of corn" may keep "the little life he has until the coming of the morn."

The Tennessee minister who has been arrested for "moonshining" furnishes doubtful vindication by pleading that he never drank any of his own distillation.

Italy thinks she can explain the origin of the Turkey trot.

CITIZENS IN Lively ROW OVER MOVE TO THANK BURLESON

East Washington Association Divided Over Resolution.

A lively debate took place at a meeting of the East Washington Association last night at 314 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, when a motion was made that the association pass resolutions of thanks to Congressman Burleson of Texas for his aid in the transfer of the policemen on duty at the White House.

M. I. Weller, taking the floor after the motion had been made by Charles A. Shields, said that he did not think the association should go on record as thanking Congressman Burleson or anyone else for doing only their duty. Mr. Weller said that if too many men had been detailed at the White House he had caused their removal, that he was only doing his duty, and no thanks were necessary.

The motion was tabled.

Committees for the year were announced as follows:

Committee on Anacostia flats—Thomas W. Eaton, chairman; M. I. Weller, John Weadon, Sidney Bishop, H. K. Simpson, and George B. Blandford.

Committee on charities and corrections—S. W. Amidon, chairman; W. P. Hazen, R. Beresford, Joseph I. Weller, Lewis Flemer and S. G. Eberly.

Committee on lights—S. J. Kubel, chairman; D. B. Randall, William M. Plotter, J. R. Herman, Williams, C. C. Watz and E. E. Wilkerson.

Committee on membership—H. Williams, chairman; Charles T. Bishop, Henry Hosely, L. W. Bailey, W. Buckingham and John Campbell.

Committee on public health—Charles M. Emmert, chairman; M. S. Peasley, L. W. Valentine, Dr. M. A. Curtis, A. Richards and Dr. Richard Kinsman.

Committee on public order—James H. Hamill, chairman; M. L. Howes, T. E. Nielson, A. C. Proctor, E. H. Eakle and R. L. Simpson.

Committee on railways—James L. Parsons, chairman; Charles J. McCarthy, A. H. Schultze, A. Girard, Joseph I. Weller, F. G. Cudde, Capt. L. K. Brown and John R. Hogan.

Committee on streets—W. M. Potter, chairman; Charles A. Shields, A. J. Schuler, J. R. Herman, Williams, C. C. Watz and E. E. Wilkerson.

Committee on schools—D. M. Hildreth, chairman; A. Leonard, Albert Brown, T. Solberg, H. H. McKee, F. H. Parsons, George F. Harlan.

Committee on water supply—A. C. Whitney, J. A. Wynkoop, S. S. Yoder, chairman; C. A. Shields, J. C. Welden, James L. Parsons, W. M. Potter, Henry Jaeger.

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FAYORS COMMISSION FOR CORPORATIONS

Interstate Commerce Committee of Senate Expected to Make Recommendation in Report—Has Obtained Mass of Testimony on the Subject.

By JOHN SNURE.

With the hearings before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce on the question of corporation control about to end, the next question is what sort of report the committee is going to make to the Senate.

According to leading members of the committee, while there is much variance of opinion as to the exact nature of the legislation that should be recommended, the trend is in the direction of a Federal commission to have supervisory authority over the industrial corporations engaged in interstate